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The Honorable Charles Terreni
Chief Clerk of the Commission
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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Re: Joint Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina and AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC for Approvals and Waivers for Proposed Migration of Residential Local Exchange Service Customers in South Carolina
Docket No. 2007-____-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T South Carolina") and AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC ("AT&T Communications") respectfully submit the following documents for filing with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"):

1. Joint Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T South Carolina and AT&T Communications of the Southern States, LLC for Approval Pursuant to Sections 58-9-300 and 58-9-310; Waiver of Slamming and Cramming Requirements; and Approval to Remove Local Carrier Freezes of Migrated Customers; and
2. Verified Joint Direct Testimony of Laura A. Reid and Rebecca Yung-Eng.

By copy of this letter, I am serving the Office of Regulatory Staff with copies of the enclosed documents.

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As a result of AT&T Inc.'s recent acquisition of BellSouth Corporation, two separate but affiliated AT&T companies – AT&T Communications and AT&T South Carolina – currently provide residential local exchange services in South Carolina. The AT&T family of companies would like to consolidate their residential local exchange service offerings by having AT&T Communications cease providing residential local exchange service in South Carolina and by offering all residential local exchange services in the State through AT&T South Carolina. This consolidation, which will be implemented in all nine of the states in the former BellSouth operating territory, will benefit customers by streamlining AT&T's residential local exchange portfolio, simplifying customer offers, and reducing customer confusion. Further, the consolidation into a single operational platform will allow the post-merger AT&T to better provision and serve South Carolina customers.

AT&T Communications and AT&T South Carolina (collectively the "Joint Applicants") have carefully developed a proposed plan for accomplishing this consolidation in a manner that protects AT&T Communications' existing customers and that is in the public interest. The enclosed Joint Application:


Discusses AT&T Communications' provision of local exchange services in South Carolina;

Explains the Joint Applicants' proposed plan for AT&T Communications to cease providing residential local exchange service in South Carolina by the end of December 2007 while ensuring uninterrupted residential local exchange service for those customers who may not choose another local exchange provider; and

Seeks approvals from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") that are necessary at this time for the Joint Applicants to implement their proposed plan.

This Joint Application is supported by the Verified Joint Direct Testimony of AT&T South Carolina witness Laura A. Reid and AT&T Communications witness Rebecca Yung-Eng.

Implementation of the proposed plan described herein is dependent on the timely and successful coordination of many tasks across multiple jurisdictions, including filings with state Commissions and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), notification of affected customers, and operation processes to handle migration of customers. The Joint Applicants, therefore, need to begin implementing the proposed plan as quickly as possible. Accordingly, the Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Commission consider and approve this Joint Application on an expedited basis.

Sincerely,

Patrick W. Turner

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Enclosure
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